

Congratulations to the Winners of the Teen Writing Challenge

Grades 9—12

3RD Place —Christopher Campos-Perez

TWITTER IS THE NEW RELIGION

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That isn't worth my retweet

Another anxious night and I just don't where to begin
Should I do what I want to do or do what I have to do? #teenangst
"People need to realize that social media before going to bed
Is a bad thing because it engages the mind and keeps you up all night."
I wonder if 90 kids had it bad with corded telephones
80 kids with their radios
70s with gas prices
60s bombs
50s....This is where it started #herewego

James Dean the beats cultural suppression cold war kids Elvis and rock n roll Suburban nightmares vast
wasteland of tv 'Nam and the silent majority Modernity rising and family matters.

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This tweet relates to me

I should share this with everyone I know
Or share with my friends
Or share with my followers

Twitter does a great job combining the two
And cancelling out their meaning
To signify people are not what they seem #truth

Functioning the next day, I wonder if parents
Leave it to their kids
To leave it to their grandkids
Wondering who will figure it out
Before the approach of our next big bang

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Twitter is the new religion----- Right around the block.
Drive to the nearest computer----- You step on a place of worship.
Pass by the nearest cell phone-----You hear the bells ringing
Walk outside any day of the week-----You endure the Sunday that never ends
Quench your thirst under 140 characters----- The world rests on the palm of your hands.

It's all about what you can give
What you say to benefit others
Shaping into the mold
Followers practicing what they preach
Favorites utilized as cocaine
About the attention

To moan, in a tone
Of self-approval
Satisfaction
It's about what you want to hear
At the given moment when things don't conform to your way
Whether it's right or wrong
It doesn't matter
It's always about you

Twitter gives us this purpose to participate
Commiserate, Annihilate, Isolate, COMPLAIN

Admit it! You believe you have this forsaken right to complain
That somehow the Founding Fathers constituted that from the beginning
Unaware that every word said and constructed to form a complaint
Comes with a price #murica

Twitter bird, can you tweet for me? Oh, that's up to me?
You chirp as though you mock me
Wings proven to soar and fly free whereas
I remain restrained and incapable of going anywhere
But here.

#LT Everyone is in need of telling their story
Not all at once, but in pieces

But with the dominance of the screens
And replacing the necessity of paper and pen
The story becomes convoluted into shreds.

UOENO
Not him, not her, not anyone
Only God can judge me
But "God is dead"
According to Nietzsche and his existentialist followers.
Who is there to judge?
No one really knows
We're thrown out here
Responsible for the choices
Incapable of handling life's luxuries
Enduring uncalled for experiences
Confused for all eternity

LIST THE THINGS THAT MATTER
Don't pause, GO:
Life
Happiness
You
THAT IS ALL.
It's not selfish to be selfless to not make this your top priority
you are worth the journey
you are here for the time being
you are the only person that can be you
Because everyone else is taken.

Enough with your absurdities
Misconceived notions
Impulses and anxiety
Compulsive need to get attention
To grab the focus of an already shortened memory span
Of an entire population.

Focus on other things like the pursuit of happiness #kidcudi
Understand that everybody hurts #rem
Know that you are beautiful #christinaaguilera
Because with or without you #u2
"This is your life and it's ending one minute at a time."

